

Development & House Building

Call for evidence questions for the APPG for SME House Builders Skills and Apprentices Report

1. What emerging new technologies or techniques are you observing for which there is a need to adjust the skills to support your projects/businesses?
2. What is your view regarding the various merits of on-the-job training -v- more formal college education, in terms of delivering the skills SME House Builders need?
3. What has been your own life experience in working/engaging with colleges and how can they more effectively deliver the skills agenda?
4. What role should manufacturers play in identifying/building the skills required? Areas like decarbonisation of housing as well as Modern Methods of Construction would be two examples.
5. How is demand for skills in the house building sector currently being met?
6. How can Government promote an on the job, skills based training approach as opposed to formal university routes as to where young people should focus?
7. Is there a role for Government to publicise a more work based learning for young people, motivating them to consider technical colleges and the like to build up their skills set?
8. Are the current skills development opportunities (college courses, apprenticeships,) meeting existing needs or is there a gap between current focus and future needs?
9. In the likes of colleges, is the current teaching matching the skills requirement of the house building sector?
10. Why is it that anecdotally that training opportunities in the house builder sector not proving attractive enough to young people and what needs to be done to improve this?
11. What are the barriers for greater uptake of apprenticeships?
12. Are there opportunities for wider industry collaboration on traineeships and apprenticeships?
13. What part does retaining skills play a role alongside development of new skills?
14. What are the opportunities between building new skills and greater diversity in the sector?
15. Government is very focused and supportive of the skills, training, and apprenticeship agenda, what specifically could Government do to assist housebuilders now in this area?
16. How much of the current skills shortage is down to training issues or the inability to get workers from outside the UK?
17. Are there initiatives that SME Housebuilders as a whole could implement to improve skills and training?
18. What other policy initiatives could be used to improve the issues around skills and apprenticeships?

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